

COLONEL KEITH A. DETWILER
Chief of Staff,
United States Army North (Fifth Army)



Colonel Keith A. Detwiler assumed the position of the Chief of Staff of United States Army North (Fifth Army), Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on 12 August 2013. He previously served as the Commander of Regional Support Command – West in the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan.

Colonel Detwiler was commissioned as an Infantry Officer from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1988 and served in the 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 7th Infantry Division (Light), and 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). After selection and training as a Russian Foreign Area Officer, he served as a liaison officer to the Russian Airborne Brigade during peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and an Arms Control Inspection Deputy Team Chief and Chief of Training in the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. In 2003, he led a joint team conducting search and assessment missions at suspected weapons of mass destruction sites in Iraq. His following assignments included Defense Attaché at the United States Embassy in Belarus, Colonels Assignment Officer in the Office of Senior Leader Development, and Director, International Security Cooperation, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan.

Colonel Detwiler received a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Arts in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Kansas, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

Colonel Detwiler's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Polish Armed Forces Silver Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.



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